

What Is Claimed Is:

1. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide having
a nucleotide sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence selected from the group
5 consisting of:
- (a) a polynucleotide fragment of SEQ ID NO:X or a polynucleotide fragment
of the cDNA sequence included in ATCC Deposit No:Z, which is hybridizable to
SEQ ID NO:X;
- (b) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide fragment of SEQ ID NO:Y or a
polypeptide fragment encoded by the cDNA sequence included in ATCC Deposit
No:Z, which is hybridizable to SEQ ID NO:X;
- (c) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide domain of SEQ ID NO:Y or a
polypeptide domain encoded by the cDNA sequence included in ATCC Deposit
No:Z, which is hybridizable to SEQ ID NO:X;
- (d) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide epitope of SEQ ID NO:Y or a
polypeptide epitope encoded by the cDNA sequence included in ATCC Deposit
No:Z, which is hybridizable to SEQ ID NO:X;
- (e) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:Y or the cDNA
sequence included in ATCC Deposit No:Z, which is hybridizable to SEQ ID NO:X,
20 having biological activity;
- (f) a polynucleotide which is a variant of SEQ ID NO:X;
- (g) a polynucleotide which is an allelic variant of SEQ ID NO:X;
- (h) a polynucleotide which encodes a species homologue of the SEQ ID
NO:Y;
- 25 (i) a polynucleotide capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to any
one of the polynucleotides specified in (a)-(h), wherein said polynucleotide does not
hybridize under stringent conditions to a nucleic acid molecule having a nucleotide
sequence of only A residues or of only T residues.

2. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide fragment comprises a nucleotide sequence encoding a secreted protein.

5 3. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide fragment comprises a nucleotide sequence encoding the sequence identified as SEQ ID NO:Y or the polypeptide encoded by the cDNA sequence included in ATCC Deposit No:Z, which is hybridizable to SEQ ID NO:X.

10 4. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide fragment comprises the entire nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:X or the cDNA sequence included in ATCC Deposit No:Z, which is hybridizable to SEQ ID NO:X.

15 5. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 2, wherein the nucleotide sequence comprises sequential nucleotide deletions from either the C-terminus or the N-terminus.

20 6. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 3, wherein the nucleotide sequence comprises sequential nucleotide deletions from either the C-terminus or the N-terminus.

25 7. A recombinant vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1.

8. A method of making a recombinant host cell comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1.

9. A recombinant host cell produced by the method of claim 8.

30 10. The recombinant host cell of claim 9 comprising vector sequences.

11. An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least
95% identical to a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a polypeptide fragment of SEQ ID NO:Y or the encoded sequence included in ATCC Deposit No:Z;
- 5 (b) a polypeptide fragment of SEQ ID NO:Y or the encoded sequence included in ATCC Deposit No:Z, having biological activity;
- (c) a polypeptide domain of SEQ ID NO:Y or the encoded sequence included in ATCC Deposit No:Z;
- (d) a polypeptide epitope of SEQ ID NO:Y or the encoded sequence included in ATCC Deposit No:Z;
- 10 (e) a secreted form of SEQ ID NO:Y or the encoded sequence included in ATCC Deposit No:Z;
- (f) a full length protein of SEQ ID NO:Y or the encoded sequence included in ATCC Deposit No:Z;
- (g) a variant of SEQ ID NO:Y;
- 15 (h) an allelic variant of SEQ ID NO:Y; or
- (i) a species homologue of the SEQ ID NO:Y.

12. The isolated polypeptide of claim 11, wherein the secreted form or the full length protein comprises sequential amino acid deletions from either the C-terminus or the N-terminus.

20 13. An isolated antibody that binds specifically to the isolated polypeptide of claim 11.

25 14. A recombinant host cell that expresses the isolated polypeptide of claim 11.

15. A method of making an isolated polypeptide comprising:

- 30 (a) culturing the recombinant host cell of claim 14 under conditions such that said polypeptide is expressed; and
- (b) recovering said polypeptide.

16. The polypeptide produced by claim 15.

17. A method for preventing, treating, or ameliorating a medical condition, comprising administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount 5 of the polypeptide of claim 11 or the polynucleotide of claim 1.

18. A method of diagnosing a pathological condition or a susceptibility to a pathological condition in a subject comprising:

(a) determining the presence or absence of a mutation in the polynucleotide of claim 1; and

(b) diagnosing a pathological condition or a susceptibility to a pathological condition based on the presence or absence of said mutation.

19. A method of diagnosing a pathological condition or a susceptibility to a pathological condition in a subject comprising:

(a) determining the presence or amount of expression of the polypeptide of claim 11 in a biological sample; and

(b) diagnosing a pathological condition or a susceptibility to a pathological condition based on the presence or amount of expression of the polypeptide.

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20. A method for identifying a binding partner to the polypeptide of claim 11 comprising:

(a) contacting the polypeptide of claim 11 with a binding partner; and

(b) determining whether the binding partner effects an activity of the

25 polypeptide.

21. The gene corresponding to the cDNA sequence of SEQ ID NO:Y.

22. A method of identifying an activity in a biological assay, wherein the 30 method comprises:

(a) expressing SEQ ID NO:X in a cell;

(b) isolating the supernatant;

- (c) detecting an activity in a biological assay; and
- (d) identifying the protein in the supernatant having the activity.

23. The product produced by the method of claim 20.